advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, Senator Rupp was afraid I was going to slide something through and I would like to point out, Senator, this is a special interest bill. It allows the Department of Roads to acquire some abandoned Chicago Northwestern Railroad property in Wahoo. That's all the bill does and I recommend the bill be advanced to E & R.

PRESIDENT: Is there discussion on the bill? If not, all those in favor of advancing 853, vote aye. Opposed, vote no. We're voting on the advancement of LB 853. Motion is the advancement of LB 853. Clerk will record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 853.

PRESIDENT: 853 is advanced. LB 897.

CLERK: Mr. President, 897 offered by Senator Wagner. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 9, referred to Public Works, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President and members, Senator Wagner asked me to handle this as it is a simple, very simple bill and it's certainly on the consent calendar. As most of you know, Senator Wagner is excused today to attend the funeral of former Senator Kokes' wife. It is a housekeeping measure which deletes obsolete statutes that require the department to approve plans for proposed drainage districts. And of course the arguments in support of it are this, that since 1972 a creation of, and the creation of the NRDs, drainage districts can no longer be created. And any necessary evaluations of district plans are done by the NRDs. And to the department's knowledge, this is Department of Water Resources and it was at their request. To the department's